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Title: NICKEL-COATED FREE-) Customer No.:
STANDING SILICON)
CARBIDE STRUCTURE FOR)
SENSING FLUORO OR)
HALOGEN SPECIES IN)
SEMICONDUCTOR)
PROCESSING SYSTEMS,)
AND PROCESSES OF)
MAKING AND USING SAME)

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**REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS
AND REFERENCES PREVIOUSLY CITED BY APPLICANTS; AND REQUEST FOR
ACTION RELATING TO PURPORTED STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR
ALLOWANCE IN U.S. PATENT APPLICATION NO. 10/784,606**

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Sir:

A Notice of Allowance was mailed in the above-referenced application on July 5, 2007 and states that the Issue Fee and Publication Fee must be paid within three months of the mailing date, i.e., by October 5, 2007. This deadline is not extendible.

Applicants timely filed multiple Information Disclosure Statements (IDSs) in the present application. With respect to two IDSs properly filed in the instant application, Applicants failed to receive any notification that the references cited therein were fully considered by the Examiner. The IDSs in question were filed on December 6, 2005 (including a single Form PTO/SB08a) and December 30, 2005 (including a single Form PTO/SB08a), but, to date, Applicants have not received indication from the examiner that the references in either IDS have been considered.

The online Patent Applicant Information Retrieval (PAIR) system evidences that all of the aforementioned IDSs filed by the Applicants were received by the OIPE, as evidenced by the enclosed screen print dated August 1, 2007 taken from the PAIR Image File Wrapper for the above-identified application. All pages of the IDSs appear in PAIR, so there is no question that the documents in question were timely received by the USPTO.

Additionally, it appears that the examiner has considered only two of the three references cited by Applicants in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on February 26, 2007 in the present application. A copy of Applicants' February 26, 2007 IDS, partially initialed by the examiner, was returned to the undersigned attorney in conjunction with the July 5, 2007 Notice of Allowance for the present application. The examiner did not initial the Form PTO/SB/08a adjacent to the second reference (U.S. Publication No. 2002/0051132) cited therein, and did not provide an explanation for his lack of action in such regard.

Applicants hereby request full consideration by the examiner of all of the aforementioned IDS documents and references cited therein, as filed on December 5, 2006, December 30, 2006, and February 26, 2007, respectively, and subsequent issue of an initialed copy of all such IDS forms, and issue of a Supplemental Notice of Allowance.

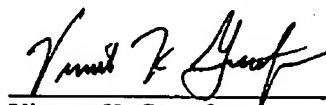
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Finally, in the July 5, 2007 Notice of Allowance, the examiner indicated that a Statement of Reasons for Allowance was attached, but no such document was received by the undersigned attorney, and a subsequent review of the USPTO PAIR online record did not indicate that such document was issued by the examiner in the present application. The undersigned attorney hereby requests that the examiner take the appropriate action to correct the record relating to such matter – either by acknowledging that no Statement of Reasons for Allowance was prepared, or by making of record such a Statement of Reasons for Allowance including mailing a copy thereof to Applicants.

In view of the non-extendible deadline of October 5, 2007 to pay the issue fee in the instant application, Applicants hereby request the foregoing actions be undertaken on an expedited basis, to ensure that the cited references are fully considered prior to the issue fee payment deadline.

It is believed that no fee associated with this Request should be owed; however, if Applicants are incorrect in this regard, then please treat this as authorization to debit Deposit Account No. 08-3284 for any necessary fee(s) associated herewith.

Respectfully submitted,



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